



# December Newsletter

## Looking back on 2025

It's been a busy and challenging year for the Town and a lot was accomplished. Below is a summary of the major accomplishments and projects either completed or started in 2025.

### 2025-2035 Capital Improvements Plan and Asset Inventory

A 10-year capital improvements plan was finalized in June of 2025 and can be viewed online at:

<https://www.townoflakecityco.gov/2025-2035-town-of-lake-city-capital-improvements-plan-and-asset-inventory>

Over \$25,000,000 in capital projects and capital asset replacements were identified in the capital improvements plan which includes an estimated \$15,000,000 28-Unit Lake Fork Housing Complex



## Roundtop Communications Site Photovoltaic System



The ageing Roundtop communications site infrastructure was updated with 16 new batteries, new inverters, new charge controller, and new disconnect array were installed and re-wired with the help of KVNF's Adam Smith. KVNF radio station broadcast has been restored for Lake City's citizens.



## New ADA Digitally Accessible Website

The Town hired Streamline to develop and host our new digitally accessible website to meet the requirements of Colorado House Bill 21-1110 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Town of Lake City is committed to ensuring digital accessibility for people with disabilities. We are continually working to improve the user experience for everyone and apply the relevant accessibility standards, including the Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.1 Level AA. If you experience any difficulty accessing content on our website, digital documents, or other electronic services, or if you have suggestions on how we can improve accessibility, please contact Town Hall at 970-944-2333. Also through the new website we are publishing all Board of Trustees meeting agendas and meeting materials which can be found at:

<https://www.townoflakecityco.gov/board-of-trustees-meetings>

# Comprehensive Housing Plan For Hinsdale County and Lake City

With a Colorado Department of Local Affairs Local Planning Capacity grant, the leadership of Hinsdale County and the Town of Lake City worked with consulting teams Western Spaces, LLC, Dynamic Planning + Science, Proximity Green, and Triple Point Strategic Consulting and a group of local stakeholders to develop a multi-jurisdictional housing plan to address the affordable housing crisis in our community.

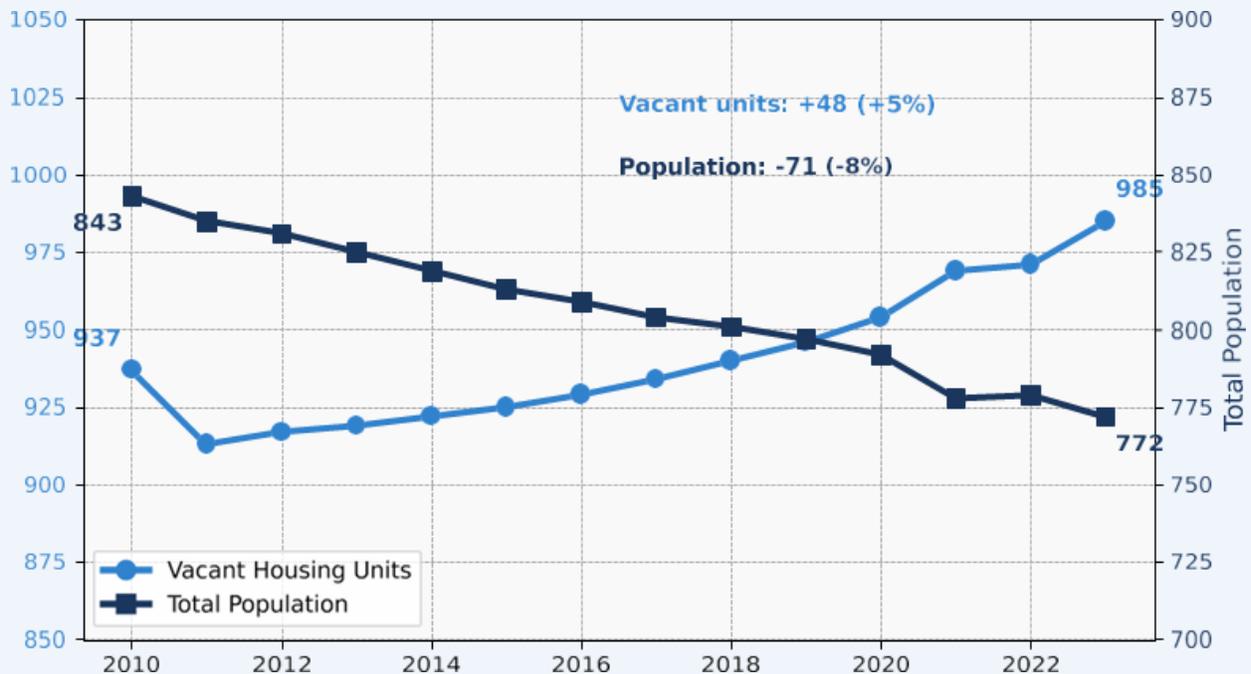
This housing plan is fundamentally oriented toward building and sustaining Hinsdale County's year-round community. The final draft of the plan will be presented to the Trustees and Commissioners sometime in January of 2026 with formal adoption by both boards sometime in February after a 30-day public comment period takes place.

For more information, please visit our housing strategy website at

<https://lakecityhousingstrategy.com/>

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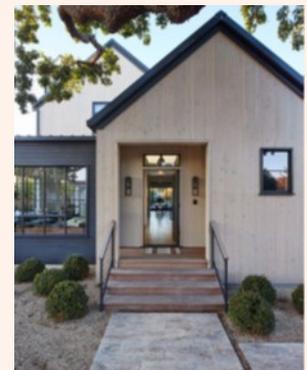
**Vacant Units vs. Population Hinsdale County 2010-2023**



## 28-Unit Lake Fork Housing Project Design

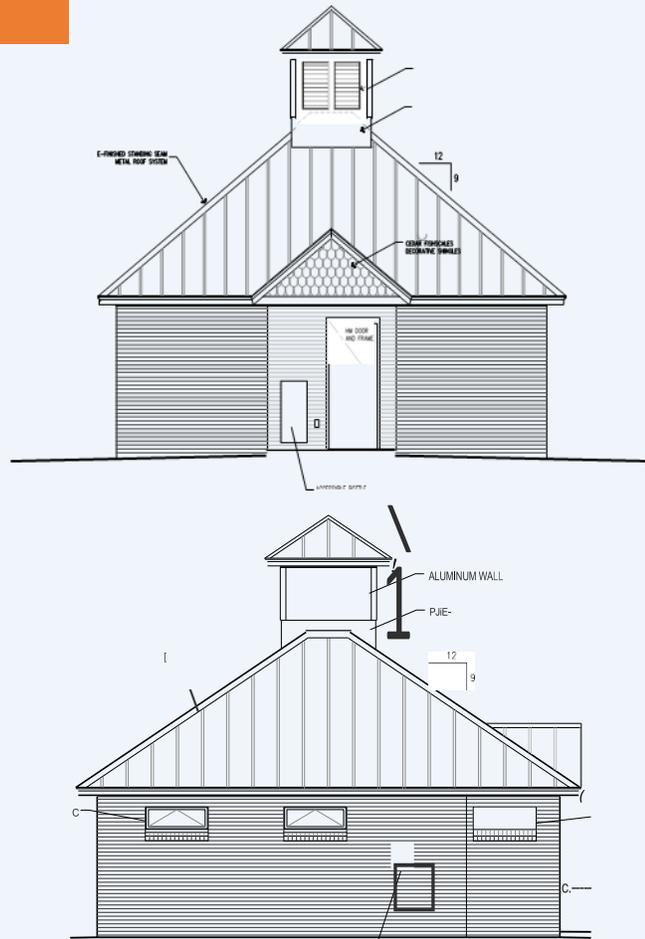
With a DOLA “More Housing Now” grant the Town hired Dynamic Planning, LLC to design a 28-unit housing complex on the Town owned lots north of the medical center.

On October 30th an open house charette was held at the Medical Center training room to get public feedback on the site plan and the initial general design aesthetic. Below are the selected site plan and general design examples that came out of the charette.



## Year-Round ADA Accessible Town Park Restroom Design

Thanks to DIRT, DOLA's mini grant, a matching grant from the Lake Fork Community Foundation, and Conservation Trust Funds, the Town now has a newly designed and engineered year-round ADA accessible Town Park Restroom. The estimated cost came in at around \$510,000 and the Town will seek potential funding for the new restroom in 2026.



## Ice Wall Expansion Project

Thanks to the hard work and ingenuity of the Parks and Rec Department, including Ben Hake, Danny File, and Christian Hartman, as well as grant funding provided by DOLA's Rural Economic Development Initiative, the San Juan Solstice Foundation and the El Pomar Foundation, the Town has successfully taken the original ice wall off of the municipal water system and installed the infrastructure for 3 additional expansions, effectively creating an additional 2000 extra linear feet of ice once the electrical work is completed for the final expansion.



**Colorado Natural Disaster  
Mitigation Enterprise Grant  
Award of \$250,000 for  
WWTP Standby Generator**

This no match grant award will be used to purchase and install a standby generator and transfer switch for the new wastewater treatment plant in 2026, ensuring continued treatment of wastewater during power outages.



**Wastewater Treatment Plan  
Renovation Project**

In 2025 the sludge was removed from the old ponds. The new polishing pond was formed and its liner and modules have been installed. The new blower building foundation as well as the framing of the blower building have also been completed. Due to multiple supply chain issues and contractor delays, the completion date for this project has been pushed out from November of 2025 to May 15th of 2026.

